

Coastal Planning and Management

Committee Meeting



MINUTES

HELD AT Bega / 6 March 2015

Present

Cr Bill Taylor (Chair)	Danny Madigan (BVSC)
Danny Wiecek (OEH)	Kyran Crane (BVSC)
Caroline Henry (NSW Oyster Farmers)	Daniel Murphy (BVSC)
Sue McIntyre (Sapphire Coast Wilderness Oysters)	Sue-Anne Nicol (South East Local Land Services)
Danie Ondinea (Community Rep)	Derek van Bracht (BVSC)
Joris Jorissen (BMT WBM)	Damion Cavanagh (BMT WBM)

1 Apologies:

Brett Weingarth (Love Our Lakes)	Don McPhee (Community Rep)
Darren Hulm (RMS – Nowra)	Brad Dudley (RMS – Nowra)
John Walker (Community Rep – Eden Foreshore Landcare Group)	Doug Reckord (Bournda ECC)
Andrew Woodley (BVSC)	

2 Confirmation of minutes

The Minutes of the 24 October 2014 Committee were taken as read and accepted.

Moved – Danny Madigan

Seconded – Danie Ondinea

3 Business arising

3.1 Pambula Lake Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan Presentation (Damion Cavanagh – WBM BMT)

Damion presented the Draft Plan and detailed the proposed actions.

Danny Madigan provided comments from Don McPhee on the Draft Plan including a query regarding funding for action held on SELLS. Sue-Anne Nicol (SELLS) advised

that SELLS does hold \$83,000 (from previous SRCMA) for priority catchment actions identified in the Coastal Zone Management Plan.

It was agreed that a report be prepared for the next Council meeting recommending the public exhibition of the Draft Pambula Lake Coastal Zone Management Plan.

3.2 Coastal Hazard Definition Project – Presentation of Draft Report (Joris Jorissen – WBM BMT)

Joris explained the risk framework used and gave an in-depth rundown on the study and information supplied including definitions of hazard lines used in the report mapping. Following the presentation there were discussions regarding the modelling used and the next stages of the Project.

It was agreed that a report be prepared for the next Council meeting recommending the public exhibition of the Draft Coastal Hazard Definition Project.

Copies of each of the Draft presentations will be placed on Council's website.

4 Member Reports

4.1 Sapphire Coast Wilderness Oyster – Sue McIntyre

- Sue advised she would be attending the “Round Table” meeting coming up in Sydney shortly and asked if there were any issues to be raised at this meeting.
- It was noted that **all** prizes for oysters awarded at the Sydney Royal were from the Bega Valley Shire.
- The Merimbula “Eat Festival” is to be held 7 March 2015 with displays, an information video and the Love Our Lakes Catchment Model.
- The Pambula Lake oyster farmers undertook environmental works in Pambula Lake in December 2014 including the clearing of Pacific Oysters in the leases and the removal of debris and surplus material.
- Clean-up Australia Day was carried out in Pambula, Merimbula and Wonboyn areas with quite a bit of rubbish collected.
- There are several roads in the North Wonboyn area causing problems with sediment into the lake.
- Development of the environmental signs for Wapengo Lake is progressing with the locations for the signs to be resolved presently.

4.2 NSW Farmers – Oyster growers – Caroline Henry

- Caroline advised the Committee there will be a restructure occurring shortly in the oyster industry. More details will be provided at a later date.
- Progress of the construction of the new Wonboyn boat ramp – staff and contractors are doing an excellent job.
- The potential impact of people living on boats moored in the lakes and estuary areas and the potential problems that could occur from the pump-out of these

boats (needs to be considered). This will be investigated and reported to a future meeting.

- There will be a field day coming up in Moruya – more information will be provided to Council for distribution to the community ASAP.
- A query on the matter of the seawall construction at North Wonboyn was raised. Council staff undertook to investigate this issue.
- Caroline also advised of a rain event in December 2014 that caused a problem in Wonboyn Lake. The heavy rain had actually occurred higher up in the catchment. A farmer from the Narrabarba area (that regularly ploughs his paddocks) had received heavy rainfall causing the run-off to make its way into the river system and ending up in Wonboyn Lake.

4.3 Community Representative (Bermagui) – Danie Ondinea

- Danie advised of an information day for Bermagui North Lagoon to occur on 11 April 2015 from 10am-12noon. Details will be provided to Council for distribution.

Danie raised concerns at Bermagui regarding water quality in the Blue Pool and Bruce Steer Pool. Danny Madigan advised that both sites were part of Council's EPA Beach Watch Program through the summer and were reported weekly on Council's website and local media.

- Danie asked whether water sampling results also be supplied to the Visitor Information Centre in Bermagui so locals and tourists can be kept up to date on the results. Danny Madigan advised that he would discuss the issue with the BVSC EHO's and would advise Danie of the response directly.

4.4 South East Local Lands Services – Sue-Anne Nicol

- Clarified concerns raised at the last meeting of the Committee and provided details of the changes that have occurred at SELLS including the approximate 30% reduction in available funding and resources.
- Confirmed that the new officer for the Committee would be either herself or Graham Scott. Jillian Keating has been appointed to a different role.
- Advised that the SELLS Catchment Action Plan remains in place and relevant.
- The Wetland Funding and support of the Coastal Weeds Project have been committed to by SELLS till 2017.
- Advised that the 2015 round of Community Grants will open in May 2015.

4.5 Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) – Coasts & Estuaries – Danny Wiecek

Danny Wiecek advised that 4 grants were approved for Council for the Coast and Estuary Program for 2014/15:

- Seawall at Merimbula;
- Dune rehabilitation at Cocora Beach;
- Rapid catchment assessment at Middle, Nelson's and Cuttagee;
- Short Point rehabilitation.

The 2015/16 grants are now open for coastal and estuary projects.

The Coastal Reforms process continues with further workshops to be held shortly.

Danny Madigan raised the matter of a letter from the Minister dated 25/2/15 re Council's grant funded projects and the proposed "new" Coastal Zone Management Manual. Danny Wiecek advised that Council's projects should continue and will generally comply with the requirements of the "new" Manual.

4.6 Daniel Murphy / Kyran Crane (BVSC) – Presentations on current OEH Coasts and Estuary Grants as well as 2015/16 Applications

Dan Murphy and Kyran Crane gave a presentation on the proposed BVSC Grants for 2015/16.

- Estuary Management Plan Review – management of assets of both Council and the community (OEH);
- Bermagui South River Road Wetlands Rehabilitation – signage, cut-off access, etc. (SELLS);
- Bermagui River Estuary Management Plan (OEH);
- Aslings and Fishpen Dune Rehabilitation works (OEH).

An update on current Coastal Management Projects was also provided:

- Entrance Management Policies;
- Rapid Catchment Appraisal Project (Middle, Nelson's, Cuttagee);
- Fairhaven Sediment and Erosion Control Project;
- Mogareeka Wetland Weeding Project; and
- Love Our Lakes Project.

5 General Business

- Caroline asked about the entrance management approach and surveys at Wonboyn particularly in regard the levels of the oyster leases (as assets) and inundation levels. There was general discussion of the Entrance Management Policy approach and it was noted that the Entrance Management Project would be reported at the next Committee meeting.
- Danny Madigan advised that the Coastal Weeds Project would also be presented at the next Committee meeting.
- Danny Madigan read a query from Don McPhee regarding the Tathra Headland Group and the construction of a pedestrian path. Cr Taylor advised this matter was also actioned at the last Council meeting.
- Sue McIntyre queried the future funding of education programs like "Love Our Lakes" Program.
- It was agreed that copies of the Committee Minutes also be provided to Andrew Constance (MP).

6 Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 10.00am on Friday, 3 July 2015, at Council's Bega Office.

7 Closure

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm.